GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



March 1, 2006

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit 2nd Floor, Suite 221
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent Derek Savoy, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), concerning Patricia Sims, a claimant with the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services.

This investigation revealed that Sims fraudulently obtained \$14,790 in Unemployment Insurance benefits by falsely certifying her dates of unemployment on DOES mail-in claim cards. On February 1, 2006, Sims entered a guilty plea to one count of First Degree Fraud. On this same date, the Honorable Brian Holeman, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, sentenced Sims to 180 days incarceration (suspended), 40 hours of community service, alcohol and drug testing, and ordered a restitution payment of \$7,145.

If you need additional information, please call me or Victoria Lucchesi, Deputy General Counsel/Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2004-0275.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Willoughby

Inspector General

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